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SUBJECT: PREMIER AND FONMIN ONROC-GOP RELATIONS

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1. TOARD CLOSE OF DISCUSSION ON OTHER MATTERS MAY 23, PREMIER CCK RAISED QUESTION OF PHILIPPINE DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION OF PRC. HE REFERRED TO RAMOS' PRESENCE AND MENTIONED LENGTHY DISCUSSION WITH HIM AND FONMIN SHEN PREVIOUS DAY. OUR CONVERSATION PROCEEDED ESSENTIALLY ALONG LINES OF EARLIER CONVERSATION WITH COU SHU-KAI REPORTED REF A. BOTH CCK AND I ADVANCED SAME ARGUMENTS AND COUNTER ARGUMENTS ALTHOUGH IN MUCH LESS DETAIL. PREMIER TTOO TOOK LINE THAT BECAUSE OF SECURITY SITUATION GROC COULD NOT ACCOMMODATE GOP DESIRE FOR FULL RELATIONSHIPS SHORT OF THE DIPLOMATIC.

2. NEXT DAY AT LUNCH, FONMIN SHEN RETURNED TO MATTER EMPHASIZING GROC FEAR THAT IN SPITE OF MARCOS'S CONFIDENCE HE COULD HANDLE PRC PRESENCE IN PHILIPPINES, INCLUDING THEIR EFFORTS TO SUBVERT CHINESE POPULATION THERE, MARCOS

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WOULD NOT SUCCEED AND IF HE WERE NOT IN

FACT UNSEATED HE WOULD AT LEAST BE
OBLIGED TO GIVE IN TO PRESSURES WHICH
WOULD HAVE EFFECT OF SERIOUSLY LIMITING USEFULNESS OF
CLARK FIELD TO US AND OTHERWISE UNDERMINING LONG-STANDING
EAST ASIAN SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS.

3. I TOLD SHEN OF ASST SEC INGERSOLL'S CONVERSATION WITH
AMB SHEN (DEPTEL 107922), OF WHICH HE DIDN'T YET SEEM
AWARE, BUT AGAIN I SAID WE ARE LIMITED IN WHAT WE CAN DO.
FONMIN'S COMMENTS, INCIDENTALLY, MADE IT CLEAR THAT RAMOS
RESTED GOP PRESENTATION TO GROC HEAVILY ON ASSUMPTION
OF CONTINUING US DISENGAGEMENT.

4. SEE REF B FOR OUR PRELIMINARY COMMENT ON DEVELOPING
SITUATION.
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